THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No specific norms have been laid down for posting of AIR Special Corerspondents abroad. However, due consideration is given to seniority and experience in an Electronics Media while making postings of AIR Correspondents abroad.

(b) and (c) The orders for posting of officers at Singapore and Dubai were last issued on 16th January, 1990 and 2nd February, 1990 respectively. No final selection has yet been made about the posting of their successors on completion of their three year tenure in May/June 1993.

Setting up of Commercial Film Corporation of declaring film business as industry

1680. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to declare film business as an "Industry" by setting up a Commercial Film Corporation with seed money to break the growing nexus between the film world and smugglers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to check this growing nexus between the film industry and smugglers and consequential generation of black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have not received any suggestion for setting up of a Commercial Film Corporation from the film industry, which is predominantly in the private sector.

(d) this is a law and order problem, maintenance of which falls within the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Regulation of Cable T.V. and Dish Antinnae

1681. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Damodaran Committee has recommended for the regulation and licensing of the cable television and dish antennae operators;

(b) what are the other important recommendations made by Damodaran Committee; and

(c) what recommendations have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations made by the Inter-departmental Committee on Cable TV Networks and Dish antennae system are annexed as statement. (*See* below)

(c) The matter is under examination.

Statement

Recommendations made by the Inter-departmental Committee on Cable TV networks and dish antennae systems:—

(i) The establishment of Cable TV Networks (without Dish Antennae) may be permitted after devising an appropriate regulatory machanism to cover their operation both within private premises and across public property;

(ii) The licensing of a dish antennae should be permitted only